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SUBJECT: US POLICY STATEMENTS ON PROPOSED ZONE OF PEACE,
FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION)

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FOLLOWING, STATE 012852 OF 1/22/72, IS REPEATED FOR YOUR
INFORMATION AS PER REFTEL: QUOTE. REF: A. STATE 215678 ,
B. STATE 219429, C. MANILA 0655.

1. ASST. SECY. GREEN RECEIVED LETTER FROM THAI AMBASSADOR,
ACTING ON BEHALF RTG MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH
INQUIRED ABOUT US ATTITUDE TOWARD KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION.
TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

MY DEAR ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

AS YOU MAY RECALL, A SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF ASEAN COUNTRIES WAS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR ON 26-27TH
NOVEMBER 1971. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING A DECLARATION
WAS SIGNED AND ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
SAID COUNTRIES EXPRESSING THEIR DETERMINATION TO EXERT
INITIALLY NECESSARY EFFORTS TO SECURE RECOGNITION OF AND
RESPECT FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA AS A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM
AND NEUTRALITY, FREE FROM ANY FORM OR MANNER OF INTERFER-
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THIS DECLARATION, AS IT MAY BE PRESUMED, HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR EXTEEMED DEPARTMENT. IT WILL BE, NEEDLESS TO SAY, MOST VALUABLE AND HELPFUL TO OUR

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INFORM US AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE THE CONSIDERED VIEWS AND REACTIONS OF YOUR ESTEEMED GOVERNMENT ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER.

YOURS SINCERELY,
(NAI SUNTHORN HONGLADAROM)
AMBASSADOR

2. MR. GREEN'S REPLY OF JANUARY 22 WAS BASED ON PREVIOUS APPROVED GUIDANCE (REFTEL A). TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 10 CONCERNING THE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES AT THEIR MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR LAST NOVEMBER.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED THIS DECLARATION WITH INTEREST. WE UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT THIS INITIATIVE OF THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND APPRECIATE THE MOTIVATION OF THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES IN SEEKING WAYS TO ACHIEVE GREATER PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

WE ARE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT THE KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER NATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND THAT THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING ESTABLISHED A COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS OF ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION.

THESE ACTIONS, IN OUR VIEW, REPRESENT A STATESMANLIKE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A COMMON VIEW AND COOPERATIVE APPROACH BY THE VARIOUS NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA CONCERNING THE FUTURE SECURITY AND TRANQUILITY OF THE REGION.

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT EVOLVE FROM THIS CONSULTATION AND STUDY.
YOURS SINCERELY,
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MARSHALL GREEN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

3. FOR MANILA: NOTE FROM REF C DESCRIBING ROMULO'S JAN. 19 TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT HE INDICATED PRES. MARCOS AWAITING REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S VIEW OF KL DECLARATION. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE LANGUAGE OF ABOVE LETTER TOGETHER WITH EARLIER GUIDANCE

(REFS A AND B) IN FORMULATING RESPONSE. PLEASE ADVISE
IF YOU BELIEVE MORE FORMAL REPLY IS INDICATED. UNQUOTE.
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